

ABSTRACT

Title: Legal regulation of the right to assembly in Australia

The present thesis addresses the legal regulation of freedom of assembly in Australia, aiming to analyse the current version of legal regulation. Regarding different legal arrangements among particular Australian states, main attention is paid to constitutional level of this right and statutory regulation in New South Wales.

The thesis is divided into ten chapters. Following the first introductory chapter, the second one focuses on the beginnings of Australian law and its development. It also deals with legal and historical connections of English colonial law which laid foundations of Australian law.

The third one deals with Australian settlement. It is focused on discovery of Australian continent by James Cook in 1770 and consequent enlargement of the territory.

The fourth continues with constitutional development of Australian law. It discusses decisive constitutional moments related to Australian independence.

The main aim of the fifth chapter is the analysis of Australian legal system. It concerns main legal sources of Australian law and the relation between common law and international law. It also analyses practise of the courts.

The sixth chapter examines sources of Australian right to assembly and the seventh one analyses statutory regulation of right to assembly in New South Wales. This is examined with regard to decision practice of High Court of Australia.

The eighth chapter presents other statutory options in Australian states. The ninth one addresses offences regarding right to assembly.

And finally, the tenth deals with new development of statutory regulation in particular states and with possible reforms.

The author concludes that despite current practice of the courts Australian right to assembly could be legislatively more specified on the constitutional level.

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